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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT STROESSNER'S INAUGURATION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM PROTOCOL OFFICE
OF
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INVITING US GOVERNMENT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A
SPECIAL DELEGATION AT THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT STROESSNER
AUGUST 15. UP TO THREE DELEGATES AND THEIR WIVES WOULD BE OFFICIAL
GUESTS OF THE GOP WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATI
ON
FROM AUGUST 13 TO 16. THE NOTE ASKS THAT DELEGATES ARRIVE BY AUGUST 1
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AT THE LATEST. INAUGURATION EVENTS WOULD REQUIRE DARK SUIT AND WHITE
TIE AND TAILS WITH DECORATIONS. THE NOTE ASKS FOR A RESPONSE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE ELECTIONS ON FEBRUARY 12, IN WHICH
PRESIDENT STROESSNER WAS ELECTED TO A SIXTH TERM AS PARAGUAYAN
PRESIDENT, WAS MARRED BY GROSS IRREGULARITIES AND OFFICIAL MOVES
WHICH EFFECTIVELY BARRED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE OPPOSITON FROM PART
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CIPATING. THEEMBASSY, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT NO
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NAME A SPECIAL DELEGATION TO THE INAUGURATION. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THA
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THE AMBASSADOR BE NAMED AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE WITH PERHAPS
TWO OTHER MISSION MEMBERS DESIGNATED AS REPRESENTATIVES.
FOR PRESIDENT STROESSNER'S 1973 INAUGURATION, US SENATOR
J. BENNETT JOHNSTON, JR. OF LUISIANA WAS DESIGNATED A
PESONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RANK OF
SPECIAL AMBASSADOR. FROMER AMBASSADOR LANDAU WAS ALSO DESIGNATED
AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RANK OF

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR AND MR. BENJAMIN FERNANDEZ WAS DESIGNATED
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RANK OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR.
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